GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DEATH OF MIGRATORY BIRDS
SURESH PASI

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about ten thousand migratory birds have died due to cyclone in the Kulik Bird sanctuary near Raiganj town in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take in future to face such eventuality?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) Yes , Sir. About 16,721 carcasses of open bill storks were recovered and buried after cyclone on 24.9.02 and 25.9.02 in this sanctuary. At the time of breeding, birds and their chicks stay in delicate condition in nests in the trees and fall victim to storms. Wind breaks are effective in providing protection against storms.